

Captain Charles D. Michel, U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Michel is currently the Chief of the Office of Maritime and International Law, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

A native of Brandon, Florida, he graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering (with high honors) in 1985. In 1992, he graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law as the salutatorian, receiving the Order of the Coif.

Tours of duty afloat included serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC RESOLUTE, as Executive Officer, USCGC DAUNTLESS, as Commanding Officer, USCGC CAPE CURRENT, and as Deck Watch Officer, USCGC DECISIVE. Captain Michel also served as Staff Attorney, Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana; head of the Operations Division, Office of Maritime and International Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard, Washington, DC; and as Legislative Counsel for the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

Captain Michel's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation Ribbon. Captain Michel was the American Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year in 1995, and The Judge Advocate's Association Career Armed Services Attorney of the Year in 2000. Captain Michel is a member of the Florida Bar.

Captain Michel is married to the former Claudia Perryman of Dallas, Texas. Captain Michel is the son of Thomas and Joan Michel. Thomas Michel is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Vietnam veteran.